

CHINA WILL JOIN FORCES WITH JAPAN

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THE WHOLE NATION IS STRONGLY PRO-JAPANESE

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Special War Correspondent of the New York World, Post-Dispatch and London Daily Mail.

SHANGHAI, April 2.—China will join forces with Japan.

The only question now is how long will China preserve an attitude of neutrality, impossible from the beginning, and daily growing more difficult to maintain.

This attitude was taken on the advice of Japan. Chinese popular sentiment is not only strongly pro-Japanese, but is strongly anti-Russian. The younger generation of patriots, whose leaven is spreading astonishingly throughout the empire, are everywhere contrasting the promptitude with which Japan executed her contracts after the China-Japanese war with Russia's evasions of her solemn professions in regard to Manchuria.

In fact, the Chinese are prepared to trust the Japanese and to believe in their intention to maintain China's integrity.

The so-called bandits in Manchuria are already a serious menace to Russian communications. Their plans have such definite shape, their attacks on the railways are so systematically carried out, that their rising cannot be regarded as insignificant.

What is significant is that many of these so-called bandit bodies were originally enrolled by the Russians themselves to guard the railways.

There is little doubt, also, that Russia is anxious to find an excuse to break with China and to make open use of her territory.

TOKIO, April 2, 5 p. m.—The navy department has no information concerning the reported Japanese attack on Port Arthur, March 30-31, and the officials doubt that a general attack occurred. It was possible that a few Japanese cruisers were in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and that there may have been an exchange of shots with the Russians, but it is certain that the main Japanese fleet was not engaged at the time referred to.

RUSSIANS WILL WATCH TOGO'S JAPANESE FLEET BY MEANS OF KITES

Special Cable to the New York World and the Post-Dispatch.

HARBIN, April 2.—Lieut. Schroeder has passed here on his way to Port Arthur. He has with him an apparatus composed of several kites, which, when attached by a long cable to the mainmast of a ship, ascends to a great height.

Lieut. Schroeder, seated in a car suspended from the kites, will be able to obtain a view for many miles around. A telephone communicates between the car and the ship.

RUSSIA DISLIKES THE SPEECHES MADE AT PERRY BANQUET.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—5:30 p. m.—A Tokyo dispatch received here reporting the members of the United States delegation there as making enthusiastic speeches on the occasion of the Perry banquet given at Tokyo, March 31, arouses much comment here in view of President Roosevelt's proclamation enjoining the strictest neutrality of word and speech on the part of all government officials.

The speech of the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, March 29 at Calcutta, which he reviewed the last five years of Indian administration and referred to the government's watchful policy, attracted more attention than Col. Macdonald's story of Tibet. It was considered to have been especially inopportune, just at a time when English baiting in Russia is decreasing, as it tends to revive animosities, but coming from Lord Curzon the words carry less weight perhaps than they would from other quarters, as he is looked upon as having his own special policy for India, as Cecil Rhodes had for South Africa.

The Boers Gazette, in an editorial entitled, "A Voice From India," says: "All of Lord Curzon's speeches have the fundamental idea of the shadow of Russia on the Indian frontier. Lord Curzon says: 'We do not want Tibet, but no other country shall have it.'"

Lord Curzon said the same thing about Nepal, Burma and Kashmir. British arms have already carried death into Tibet, which is part of the Chinese empire. The purpose is to take Tibet and run a railroad through China in order to be able to place troops there quickly. We wonder how France, in view of the projected Anglo-French entente, will regard Lord Curzon's avowal of the designs cherished on southern China.

The editorial concludes: "The powers having interests in China will do well to meditate upon these things. The great evil, while acquiring Great Britain of responsibility, and declaring that the British government is correctly observing neutrality, expresses astonishment at the speech of Lord Curzon, 'whose words ring like a challenge.'"

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE BROWNS AND CARDINALS WHO WILL PLAY IN TODAY'S GAME

De Monteville, Browns.



HARRY (CHERUB) GLEASON, CANDIDATE FOR BROWNS' INFIELD POSITION

Byers, Cardinals.

Shannon, Cardinals.

Mike Grady, First Base and Catch.

Uncle's Former Wife His Bride.

William Metzger Marries Mrs. Margaret Metzger at Edwardsville After Her Divorce.

Mrs. Margaret Metzger, aged 34, and giving her address as Highland, Ill., was married this morning at Edwardsville to William Metzger, aged 28, whose home is near Jamestown, Ill.

The young man to whom Mrs. Metzger was married this morning is the nephew of John Metzger of Jamestown, Ill., from whom she was given a decree of divorce Wednesday by Judge R. R. Burroughs in the Circuit Court at Greenville, Ill.

Last fall William Metzger's parents died and he went live at the home of his uncle, John Metzger, near Jamestown. A strong friendship arose between him and Mrs. Metzger, and the latter at length parted from her husband. She is said to have gone to St. Louis, where her husband's nephew is also said to have been.

On her return a reconciliation was effected between Metzger, who is about 42 years of age, and his wife.

Later divorce proceedings were begun, ending in the decree Wednesday.

This morning William Metzger met his former aunt and they were married by Judge John E. Hinkley. They will live on a farm near Jamestown, Ill.

Kenny's handsome Easter picture, "Better Than Ever," size 12x30 inches, lithographed in 10 rich colors, free Saturday, April 2. C. D. Kenny Co., 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036, 1037, 1038, 1039, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, 1051, 1052, 1053, 1054, 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063, 1064, 1065, 1066, 1067, 1068, 1069, 1070, 1071, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, 1159, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1163, 1164, 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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

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"The Snow Baby," by Josephine Diebitsch Peary, wife of the well-known Arctic explorer, is a delightful book for children, and will be found of great interest to adults.

Little girl, was born in an Eskimo igloo, and, during her stay in the land of ice, learned to understand and love the strange people who dwell there. The book is well illustrated with excellent photographs of the Eskimo characters and scenes that first met the eyes of the "Snow Baby" in her unique introduction to life.

"Sir Mortimer."

If Miss Mary Johnston is not more careful than she has been thus far she bids fair to go down in literary history as the "Bloody Mary" of the novel-writing clan. For she surely is a killer.

In "Sir Mortimer," her new historical romance, just published by the Harpers, this amazing young woman takes us out to sea in the brave days of Sir Francis Drake and John Hawkins and Martin Frolicher and proves to us that she can be just as strenuously entertaining on the water as on the land. Her hero is a certain elf Mortimer, captain of the good ship Copied, on the ice-encircled coast of Admiral Sir John's evil, and he is a hero to warm the cockles of one's heart. He loves the beautiful Mistress Damaris Sedley, maid of honor to Queen Elizabeth, and when he is not engaged in slaying Hildagos on the Spanish main and sucking West Indian towns of their golden treasure he writes verses to this Damaris, whom his Muse has christened Dione, and plays the courtier so well that half the ladies of the court are in love with him. One couldn't ask a more colorful hero than Sir Mortimer.

And from the moment that he makes his first appearance in the grand wassail of ocean adventures gathered in the tavern of the Triple Fun the story goes forward with an inspiring rush. The admiral and the captain are about to set sail for the New World. There's oodles of fighting awaiting them and they are happy beyond measure at the prospect. They are so ready for it, in fact, that Sir Mortimer and a sulky Capt. Robert Bairdy, commanding the redoubtable Star, come perilously near having a duel right then and there, and one feels all the time that a riotous man and sucking West Indian towns of their golden treasure he writes verses to this Damaris, whom his Muse has christened Dione, and plays the courtier so well that half the ladies of the court are in love with him. One couldn't ask a more colorful hero than Sir Mortimer.

Then comes battle and storm and shipwreck and siege and plague and treachery and apparent disaster to Sir Mortimer, all over here on the world's western edge, and blessed if one can put the book down for a moment. Blood flows like water, the air is so thick with oaths that you can cut it and see big hunks of blasphemy falling on every side, the galley's deck is a scene of carnage, the latest deeds are done—one just sits and reads and bitterly regrets that President Roosevelt could not have lived in such a strong-handed age. From the New World the scene is transferred to the Old again, poor Sir Mortimer is in sore disgrace as supposed traitor and his sweetheart is well-nigh distraught. It is a poignant romance, as full of heart-interest as of gore, and every chapter but spurs one on to find out what the mischief is going to happen in the next. Then, too, tragedy seems so inevitable that one begins to pray for Sir Mortimer as if he were already as good as dead, his broken heart turning to dust.

But no—he is too spirited a gentleman-adventurer to die shipped by his enemies and despoiled of his love. Hooray—out it isn't fair to betray the secrets of Miss Johnston's plot. "Sir Mortimer" is an exciting, gripping novel. You'll read every line of it and enjoy its story from start to finish. But how its young feminine author can make men fight—good gracious, she'll have to be put under bonds to keep the peace if ever our dream of the abolition of war is to be realized.

Marie Corelli in Her Old Role.

It will be pleasant news to the admirers of Marie Corelli's earlier novels to know that she has completed a manuscript of a new novel much in the manner of "The Master Christian" and "The Temporal Power". Dodd, Mead & Co. will publish the book in this country.

The Rabbi and "The Fugitive."

"The Fugitive," Ezra S. Brundage's forceful story of the evolution of the Russian Jew, has had a remarkable reception at the hands of American rabbis. Considering that this book interprets and declares for a new love relation between the Jew and the Gentile, the commendation of the Jewish clergy is all the more interesting. A

What Man Will Do for Woman

Here is the Wooer Who Would an Athlete Be.



Editors of the Younger Generation

When you look at a news stand and realize that underneath most of the gay magazine covers there are a lot of little voices speaking of the desire of the world to be a great deal better than it is, the news counter becomes as fine as that preached by a flower-stand itself. In every issue a magazine has to be its own explanation, and in proportion as that explanation is a reason and not an excuse the magazine gets on. Its editor devises his explanation. And it is interesting to see how the so-called younger periodicals, most of them with young editors, are giving better explanations with every issue of their magazines. Some have done this by aiming directly at abuses, some have insisted on the story with the covert "purpose," and all have striven to keep the tone of the fiction healthful. Even those edi-

tors whose magazines are purely for amusement have hoped for stories with "the little life at the end of every word." The editors of the \$5 and \$6-cent magazines, who are justly written about with such pleasing regularity, are not the only ones whose aims show signs that are wonders as well.—Zona Gale, in the April Critic.

Snide Lights on History.

Robin Hood was holding up a stranger in Sherwood Forest. "Good sir, thou art with merrie coin tight. Where," he continued, breaking into his usual talk, "did you cop the swag? What's your graft?" "I'm a plumber"—began the stranger. "Take back your gold," said Robin.

This shows that there is honor among thieves.

Job surveyed another carpuscle critically. "Ha," he laughed, "that's a new one on me." This is why patience ceased to be a virtue.

Archimedes was buried in thought when Euclid quietly entered the room.

"What is troubling you?" inquired Euclid, sympathetically.

"I am up against a tough proposition," answered Archimedes, without looking up from his papyrus. "I am trying to demonstrate that the submerged tenth is a vulgar fraction."

After working on it for two Olympiads the two decided to call it an axiom.—Chicago Journal.

POST-DISPATCH PATTERNS

Misses' Shirt Waist Suit.

Nos. 4496-4474



In the practical design shown here, tucks enter into the ornamentation of the waist, the front tucked to simulate a box-pleat and having three outward turning tucks on the shoulder. The sleeve and back are also tucked. This is by far the most approved shirt-waist style, as it is a suitable model for these heavy shirt-waist suits that do not look like box-pleats or elaborate modes. The waist is made with back closing and the tucks are shaped so as to give a pretty line to the figure. The pointed sleeve-cap is another feature of the waist, adding distinction to an otherwise plain sleeve. The lower portion of the sleeve is gathered to a cuff of the regulation model, the front of the cuff might be ornamented by braid, medallions or hand-stitchery, although for an every-day shirt-waist the machine-stitched tucks are pretty, especially if one uses satin-silk on the machine. The skirt is the popular five-gored style, and may be made with or without the flounce. The back may be finished by inverted box-pleat or gathers. For a sensible out-door suit one could not find a more suitable design. Both waist and skirt are cut on the newest lines, and by their use the young lady will find herself the possessor of smart, well-fitting garments.

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